

U. S. MOVE TO SPEED SHIPS A FAILURE, SAYS BUILDER

Commandeering of Construction by Government Has Not Expedited Work, Witness Declares.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Although the purpose of the Government in commanding ships' construction was to expedite the work, it actually has failed to speed it up at all. Homer Ferguson, President of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, testified to-day at the Senate Commerce Committee's investigation.

MONEY WON'T WIN ELECTIONS, IS VIEW OF MORGENTHAU

Tells Prosecutor at Mitchell Fund Inquiry Expenses Should Be Limited.

Henry Morgenthau, former United States Ambassador to Turkey, who was active in the Fusion campaign for the reelection of former Mayor Mitchell, appeared at the District Attorney's office to-day and was questioned by Assistant District Attorney Black and Kilroe. Mr. Morgenthau said he was willing to tell all he knew about the money collected and spent in the Mitchell campaign.

"But I don't know much about it," Mr. Morgenthau said. "I was on the committee, but I never was at the headquarters and I never attended a meeting of the committee, nor of the sub-committees. I gave \$200 to the

Fusion Committee and \$200 to the Adamson Campaign Committee. That was the total of my contributions."

"Did you solicit money for the campaign?" he was asked.

"Yes—for the Adamson Committee only. I got less than \$1,000."

"Do you know whether any contributions were listed under other names than those of the donors?"

"No," Mr. Morgenthau replied. "As checks came in I turned them over to my secretary, who forwarded them to the treasurer of the committee."

"What do you think," Mr. Kilroe asked, "of the ethics of huge campaign funds, say \$1,000,000, being handled in that way? Don't you think those who receive the contributions ought to assume a stewardship, to see the money is properly distributed?"

"I think that should be left to the executive officers," Mr. Morgenthau replied. "To those who are actually managing the campaign. If I am on a committee to solicit funds for the Red Cross, for instance, I do not assume an ethical liability to see that a proper use is made of the money."

Mr. Kilroe asked Mr. Morgenthau what he thought of the administration of the Fusion fund.

"I know nothing about it personally," Mr. Morgenthau said, "although I have read about it in the newspapers."

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